

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application.

The drawings were objected to as not showing every feature of the invention. It is believed the amendments to claims 4 and 9 overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The Examiner has requested clarification of the path of the high pressure water supply. Applicant notes that the water pressure supply unit 70 is not for supplying high pressure water to the pressure supply passage 12a of the socket 12, but instead for supplying high pressure water that is in the pressure supply passage 12a of the socket to the first and third space portions 61, 63. Therefore, it is not the case that water from below the one-way valve is supplied to pressure supply passage 12a of the socket 12. Rather, water from the pressure supply passage 12a above the valve travels downward to the first and third space portion 61, 63 below the valve. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome.

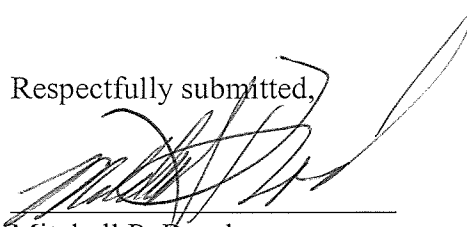
The Examiner has requested clarification of the first, second and third space elements in claims 1 and 6. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 1 and 6 overcome this rejection.

Conclusion

It is believed that all objections and rejections in the application have been addressed and that the present application is in condition for allowance. A favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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